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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/604,781	<b>Applicant(s)</b> GUPTA, SHYAM K.	
	<b>Examiner</b> SHELLEY A. DODSON	<b>Art Unit</b> 1616	

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**Period for Reply**

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**SHELLEY A. DODSON**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                               | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application filed August 15, 2003.

Applicant's claims are directed toward a cosmetic dermabrasion treatment system.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The above stated claims are viewed as indefinite because of applicant's use of the phrase "suitable for". Applicant is advised

to avoid this rejection by removing the word "suitable" from the claim entirely. Clarification is necessary.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deckner et al USP NO. 5,824,666 in view of Nara et al. USP NO 4,536,405.

Deckner et al disclose skin care compositions which provide improved physical and chemical stability, while also providing good

skin deposition and good skin penetration. In column 1, Deckner further discloses that the compositions provide younger and healthier skin by resurfacing the skin by removal of the thin outer layers of the epidermis. In column 15, Deckner discloses the specific protective coatings employed by applicant, more specifically silicone oil or dimethicones. In columns 14 and 15, Deckner discloses propylene glycols or liquid binding agents. In column 6, Deckner further discloses that topical anesthetics and anti-inflammatory agents are also present. Column 15 discloses all other ingredients which may also be present which meet the limitation of claims 14 and 19. Deckner discloses each and every aspect of the invention as claimed by applicant in the instant case with the exception of the present of a skin-binding agent or an adhesive.

Nara et al disclose make-up cosmetic compositions having good adhesion. In Table 3 and column 9, Nara further discloses that rosinate and hydrocarbon resins are superior as skin adhesives.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the specific hydrocarbon resins of Nara into the skin resurfacing compositions of Deckner in view of the teaching of Nara that said hydrocarbon resins provide superior adhesive properties.

Telephone Inquiries

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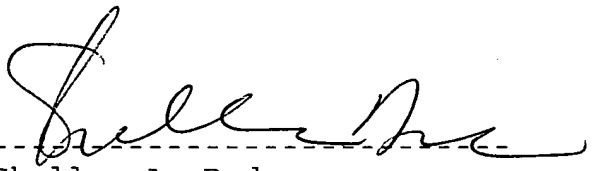
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley A. Dodson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0612 and fax number (571) 273-0612. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached at (571) 272-0646.

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